



10 October 2022

Good Evening '87,

What a game we were treated to this weekend! Navy's 53-21 victory over Tulsa was just the shot in the arm the Football Team (and the Brigade) (and Alumni) needed! Hopefully, this bodes well for keeping the Cannoneers busy and forecasts many more plebe push-ups. After the last post-Reunion tome, this letter will be mercifully shorter but still info packed, including:

- 35<sup>th</sup> Reunion Poll (and setting questions for the 40<sup>th</sup>)
- Reunion SWAG disposition
- Suni Williams at Hometown Heroes
- Drew Vuillemot service and wake announcement
- Rugby Hall of Fame induction
- Football Tailgaters (ND, A-N)

Before I launch into new content, there is an erratum from the last letter: Father Pucciarelli's correct email address is [gwpucci@comcast.net](mailto:gwpucci@comcast.net)

**REUNION POLL:** The fog has lifted and you remember enjoying the Reunion (or perhaps couldn't make it but heard all sorts of good things). Before memories fade, it's time to capture some feedback on the 35<sup>th</sup> (and look ahead on ways to improve the 40<sup>th</sup>). Please go to the linked poll NOW (NLT 24 Oct) to help shape our future planning and decision making. Also, look for the bonus questions at the end about Notre Dame and Army-Navy. Post Reunion Poll: <https://forms.gle/7XPT634okyZmfNYG6>  
... and if you're interested on getting involved on the ground floor and co-chairing the 40<sup>th</sup>, let me know!

**REUNION SWAG RECONCILIATION:** By now, I have contacted most of you directly about any SWAG items we owe you. I'm working on the logistics of getting owed items delivered (likely just after the ND game). If I haven't already contacted you about SWAG you are owed, please contact me ASAP (before 10/17). I'd like to close those books and then make any "leftover" SWAG available for purchase.

**WHERE'S SUNI?:** On Terra Firma at the moment (pending any upcoming Starliner missions). This Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> (the Navy Birthday, BTW), Suni will be among the Hometown Heroes honored at the USS CONSTITUTION Museum. There is a Cocktail Reception at the Charlestown Navy Yard. Go to <https://ussconstitutionmuseum.org/events/salute-to-service-2022/> for more info/ticket sales. RSVP soonest.

**DREW VUILLEMOT FUNERAL SERVICE AND WAKE ANNOUNCEMENT:** Julie Vuillemot passed along that Drew's funeral at Arlington will be held on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1100 at the Old Post Chapel at Ft. Myer. See Arlington site for pass info: <https://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Funerals/Attending-a-Funeral>. Go to <https://pass.aie.army.mil/JBMHH/> for base access registration.

A Friday reception follows the interment, at 1300 at the Army Navy CC, 1700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington. Julie is also planning an Irish Wake on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1500-1800 at Heritage Brewery, 9436 Center Point Lane, Manassas VA. Please rsvp to Julie at [vuillemot.julie@gmail.com](mailto:vuillemot.julie@gmail.com) to help her plan reception head count.

**NAVY RUGBY HALL OF FAME:** Joe Buenavista was inducted into the Navy Rugby Hall of Fame this past Friday. You can watch the live stream here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9opofSdbdOo> Joe's induction starts at the 1:59:00 mark. Between the reunion, his HOF induction, Navy Rugby (now Varsity!) remaining undefeated with a win over Penn State on Saturday and the Tulsa game, Joe said he's had quite a month!

**FOOTBALL TAILGATING:**

1. Only two Navy home games remain: Houston (22 Oct), and Temple (29 Oct). Please contact Rob ([robshepherd@yahoo.com](mailto:robshepherd@yahoo.com) or 302.222.6973) or any member of the home guard for opportunities to serve.
2. Away Games: If you are in the vicinity of any of this season's away games and desire to get the word out on a Class gathering in your area, please contact me to facilitate any announcements. Navy is away at SMU (Friday night, 10/14), at Cincinnati (11/5) and at UCF (11/19). The Alumni Association posts away game tailgate info here: <https://www.usna.com/tailgates> GO NAVY!
3. The Specials:
  - Notre Dame comes to Baltimore at Raven's Stadium on 12 Nov. Please reach out with any special tailgate gathering announcements and plans. We're looking for a Tailgate Captain and Crew.
  - Army-Navy returns to Philly on 10 Dec (before going on an extended road show for the next few years). Plans are in the works to get the EM-87 underway for another monster tailgater. Details to follow but if you're of the mind to get "underway" with the A-N tailgate crew, please contact me. If you'd like to lead that effort (or co-lead), REALLY REALLY contact me.

Finally, Rob Pinataro would very much appreciate your *Shipmate* fodder no later than Thanksgiving (11/24) for inclusion in the Jan/Feb issue. Contact Rob at [rpinataro87@gmail.com](mailto:rpinataro87@gmail.com) and include Shipmate in the subject line.

Go Navy!



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